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NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

HBCU/MSI Initiatives and Opportunities in the Federal Government

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Executive Director

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Department of Veterans Affairs

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VA MISSION

To fulfill President Lincoln's promise

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan" by serving and honoring the men and women who are America's veterans."

VA OSDBU LEADERSHIP



Executive Director
Ruby B. Harvey

- More than 25 years of acquisition, program management, finance, training, information technology experience
- Served as Chancellor of the VA Acquisition Academy (VAAA), where she directed and oversaw the training of VA's acquisition workforce
- Earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from **Jackson State University**, Master of Science degree in Information and Telecommunications Systems from John Hopkins University
- Completed post-graduate studies in Electronic Commerce at John Hopkins University
- Graduated from the Federal Executive Institute

Deputy Executive Director
Sharon G. Ridley



- Previously served as the Executive Director Network Support, under the VA Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Operations and Management/Chief Operating Officer
- Provided healthcare operations guidance and information on strategic initiatives to regional leadership, including 18 Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) directors and 172 medical center directors
- Earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from **Tuskegee University** and a Master of Science degree in Social Work from **Clark Atlanta University**

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OSDBU MISSION AND PROGRAM AREAS

Mission

Support the Secretary's priorities by enabling Veterans to gain access to economic opportunities by developing policies and programs, informed by customer feedback, that improve market research, increase direct access, and maximize the participation of procurement ready Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs) and Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (VOSBs) in federal contracting.

OSDBU Programs

Verification	Direct Access	Strategic Outreach and Communications	Procurement Review	Program Support
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HOW VA SUPPORTS HBCU INSTITUTIONS & INDIVIDUALS

- Provides grants to HBCUs
- Develops an acquisition-based curriculum to prepare graduates for Federal acquisition careers
- Connects 75% of VA medical facilities to a local HBCU
- Arranges internship opportunities for medical, dental, and other students at VA facilities
- Arranges onsite visits from VA leaders to meet with students and discuss career development

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